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The alleged shooter and the alleged getaway driver

the alleged getaway driver are both also charged with first-degree murder.

Assisted dying law 'rushed'

ASSISTED suicide law is being railroaded through at the expense of elderly and disabled people, campaigners have warned. Medical and legal

Medical and legal experts from across the globe will give evidence on Tuesday morning to an assisted dying committee of 23 MPs hand-picked by Kim Leadbeater, the Labour backbencher who proposed the legislation. Chief Medical Officer Prof Sir Chris Whitty is expected to be asked how practical it will be for his office to monitor and collect data on

and collect data on assisted deaths, when

assisted deaths, when the session opens. However, campaigners and charity bosses not invited to give evidence accused the committee

rushing. Ellen Clifford, Ellen Chifford, co-ordinator of the UK Deaf and Disabled People's Monitoring Coalition, said: "Something of this magnitude needs to go at a much slower pace.

Women's health targets dropped

WES Streeting is to drop women's health targets from a new NHS plan, prompting accusations he is sidelining female patients.

Health officials are to

publish guidance for NHS trusts on Thursday. However, a previously

included target to roll out women's health hubs in all parts of the country will be missing, and the he Government's women's health ambassador criticised the move

Dame Lesley Regan urged the Health Secretary to think again and said it would be "ver disappointing".



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Brits mock latest bug panic...

IIP YOUR ARSE!



FED-UP Brits have poo-poohed busybodies who say we should mask up again after declaring yet

another bug panic.
Cases of Human metapneumovirus
(HMPV) have surged across the UK,
with the latest UK Health Security

with the latest UK Hearth Securry Agency data the showing a positivity rate of 4.9 per cent. The respiratory virus is particularly affecting the elderly population, with those aged 80 years and over experiencing the highest positivity rate at 7.3 per cent

esting data reveals that 7.826 specimens were examined as part of the latest surveillance efforts. The rising numbers have

prompted renewed concerns over the spread of the respiratory illness, which has been adding pressure to already strained healthcare services

NHS services are facing strain amid the surge in respiratory illnesses, according to Amanda Pritchard, chief executive of

Pritchard, Cilled Recognition of England.

"It is difficult to put into words just how tough it is for our frontline staff at the moment," Pritchard posted on Twitter.

She expressed particular concern about the impact of flu and other viruses on both patients and NHS services. Health officials have advised the British public to consider wearing face masks to prevent firth of the property of the property

further spread of the virus. But fearless Brits are having

none of it.
One wrote on Twitter: "Done

with fear porn. I don't believe a single word."
Another raged: "I say 'NO MUZZLES'. Fell for that one once before. Lessons learnt."
A third spat: "Oh piss off".



Battle over extremism definition

THE government is set to reject internal advice to widen the definition of extremism to include potentially violent environmentalists, the far left, conspiracy theorists and men prejudiced against

women.

Home Secretary
Yvette Cooper does not
agree with the central
findings of a report she
commissioned last commissioned last year, and will order the government to continue to focus on Islamist and far-right extremism. It comes after sections

of the report were leaked to the right-leaning think tank Policy Exchange. A Home Office

spokesperson said the government is "considering a wide range of potential next

"The report sought to comprehensively assess the challenges facing our country and lay the our country and lay the foundations for a new approach to tackling extremism – so we can stop people being drawn towards hateful ideologies," the spokesperson said. "This includes tackling Islamism and extreme right-wing ideologies.

Third runway 'must be green'

A THIRD runway at Heathrow will not go ahead if it breaches Britain's net zero targets, Ed Miliband has said

The Energy Secretary was speaking to MPs before an expected announcement by the Chancellor of support for the runway and the expansion of Gatwick and Luton airports.

"Any aviation expansion must be justified within carbon budgets, and if it can't be justified, it won't go ahead," Mr Miliband told the environmental audit committee on Monday.

The Government is obliged to stick to legally binding carbon budgets. The Climate Change

Committee has said that there should be no airport expansion unless there is a UK-wide policy to manage overall capacity

Ladbrokes 30 WIN DOUBLE (81) HOLEST GPs are to ask patients By JENNIFER SMALLBONE 5-10 SOUTHWEFALL if they gamble, as well as quizzing them on smoking and drinking, under new NHS guidance. LILLABOUT. 60 more parter DARF (61)

under new NHS guidance. The questions will be included in routine health checks, and the process for registering with a new GP, as part of efforts to identify people who may need help. The guidance from the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) comes after referrals to NHS gambling clinics more than doubled in a year. Health chiefs have said they

Health chiefs have said they face an "uphill battle" to cope with demand, with some estimates suggesting that more than one million people in Britain have a gambling

roblem.

The guidance highlights the health risks of problem gambling, with surveys suggesting that one in 10 regular gamblers will consider snicide.

suicide.

GPs are advised to consider asking people about gambling even if they have no obvious risk factors for gambling-related harm, when asking them about smoking, alcohol consumption or use of other substances

depression, anxiety, or conditions such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, as well as those taking prescription drugs — such as some for Parkinson's — which

risk factors for gambling-related harm, when asking them about smoking, alcohol consumption or use of other substances.

Those who have just left home for the first time should also be quizzed about the topic, the guidance states.

It says attention should be paid to those suffering from

times higher than previous

estimates.

Meanwhile, a further 12 per cent gamble in a way that puts them at increased risk of gambling-related harms, NICE said.

It said people should be encouraged to assess the severity of their problem by using a questionnaire on the NHS's website, and those with a score of eight or above should be referred to a specialist NHS gambling clinic.

TODAY'S WEATHER

TODAY could see showers in the north, but it will remain dry for many. Cloud thickening across the very far south, with rain, possibly heavy, affecting the far south Temperatures of

6C in London, 7C in Cardiff, 7C in Manchester, 7C in Belfast and 4C in Edinburgh.

Thursday will feature more of the same, with



grey skies and stubbornly temperatures thankfully little in the way of precipitation.

Temperatures of 8C in London, 8C in Cardiff, 6C in Manchester, 6C in Belfast and 5C in Edinburgh. OUTLOOK: Is January

THE Southport inquiry should consider changing the law so that teenage murderers like Axel Rudakubana can be given wholelife sentences, the Children's

Commissioner has said.
Rudakubana was sentenced to a minimum of 52 years in prison for murdering three young girls at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class last summer, in an attack that led to country-wide riots. The judge expressed frustration

he could not hand the killer a whole-life order because he was nine days short of his 18th birthday when he carried out the attacks.

Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza has said that the rules surrounding whole-life orders for 16 and 17-year-olds "seriously needs looking at".
She made the comments as

she published a report that found that children who took part in last year's Southport riots joined in the disorder because they "thought it looked fun", she said.

The commissioner said this challenged the narrative "that online misinformation, racism

or other right-wing influences were to blame".

It also comes amid a row over whether the law should be changed to allow those under 18 to be given whole life sentences in exemptional exemptions.

in exceptional cases.

Dame Rachel said: "I hope the inquiry has a look at this."





Just Stop Oil storm stage in West End

TWO Just Stop Oil halfwits disrupted a performance of *The Tempest*, starring Sigourney Weaver, in London's West End.
A man and a woman from the environmental nuisance group climbed on stage at Theatre Royal Drury Lane on Monday evening.

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They launched a confetti cannon and a voice called out: "We'll have to stop the show." Hollywood actress Weaver, who had been sitting in a chair on stage, was escorted away by a member of the theatre's staff.
A video shared by Just Stop Oil shows the protesters being met with boos and cheers from the audience before being quickly guided off stage.
The protesters had been holding an orange banner reading "Over 1.5 degrees is a global shipwreck".
It was a nod to the plot of Shakespeare's Tempest, which features a ship sinking.



Briton dies in Tenerife pool

A BRITISH holidaymaker has died after being swept into the sea by a wave at a landmark natural rock pool in Tenerife.

The 60-year-old was one of three people who got into difficulties at Los

Gigantes natural pool in the west of the island.

The man was found face-down in the sea and airlifted to a sports ground, but efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

The other two people. both women, managed to reach safety themselves.







Chinese Al 'wake-up call' says Trump

US President Donald Trump has called the rise of Chinese company DeepSeek "a wake-up call" for the US tech industry, after the new AI model triggered shockwaves on Wall

Street.
Shares in major tech firms such as Nvidia fell sharply, with the chip giant losing almost \$600bn (£482bn) in market value.
What has shaken the industry is DeepSeek's claim that its RI model

was made at a fraction of the cost of its rivals – raising questions about the future of America's

the future of America's AI dominance and the scale of investments US firms are planning. DeepSeek has become the most downloaded free app in the US just a week after it was launched. Responding to the news, Trump said the latest developments in China's AI industry may be "a positive" for the US.

"If you could do it

the US.
"If you could do it cheaper, I think that's a good thing for us," he told reporters on board Air Force One.

He also said he was not concerned about

not concerned about the breakthrough, adding the US will remain a dominant player in the field.

Working from home can be bad for health

WORKING from home could be bad for your health, as young adults who do it may get half an hour less exercise per

day.
A study of people starting their first job got an extra 28 minutes a day of moderate physical activity, such as walking or cycling. But those working from

home saw an average 32-minute drop in their moderate physical activity.

The results are

published in the nternational Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and

Physical Activity. Dr Eleanor Winpenny, who was senior author of the study at the University of Cambridge, and is now at Imperial College London, said: "If we want to stay healthy throughout our lives, we need to remember that keeping active is an important way of helping us achieve this goal.

"Those working at home might want to consider incorporating physical activity into their day, for example by going for a walk before or after work, or during a lunch



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Other suspects in the case include Gary D. Johnson, 45, who is charged with two counts of first-degree murder, for allegedly shooting Portia, and one count of possession of a weapon by a felon.

A third suspect, Marty D. Shaw, 33, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder for allegedly being an accomplice who drove the getaway car.

State's Attorney Tom Haine said: "We believe the evidence at trial will show that this was not a random act of violence, but rather a calculated and cold-hearted murder-for-hire scheme based on a personal grievance." personal grievance.

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Investigators followed more than 200 leads and executed more than 30 search warrants, according to Collinsville Lt Eric Owen, who served as deputy commander during the investigation.

Owen said investigators used licence-plate readers to track a suspect vehicle, leading them to a Missouri address, where they took Shaw into custody with the help of St Louis County Police.

Investigators arrested Johnson in Cahokia Heights and Shafer in Caseyville.

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The state's attorney's office has filed petitions asking that pretrial releases be denied.

According to reports Sarah Shafer, 34, was living with Rowland and planning to marry her after divorcing her husband.

The couple's last divorce-related hearing was held on January 14, while another one was scheduled for February 25.

Sarah Shafer obtained a three-week emergency order of protection against Sammy Shafer Jr in April 2024, which was later dismissed.

UK population to grow by five million

THE UK population could grow by almost five million over the next decade – to reach 72.5 million by mid-2032 – because of net migration. The Office for National Statistics projects the rise from 67.6 million in mid-2022 will be driven almost entirely by net migration.

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The difference between the number of people arriving and leaving the UK is estimated to total 4.9 million over the 10-year period.

This is compared to the natural

change in population – the difference between births and deaths – projected to be "around zero". The data, published yesterday, assumes the level of net migration will average 340,000 a year from mid-2028 onwards – lower than

mid-2026 onwards – lower than current levels.

An ONS spokesman said: "Our projections also show an increasingly ageing population, with the number of people aged over 85 projected to nearly double to 3.3 million by 2047."





British MPs should learn from Trump

BRITISH voters back many of US leader Donald Trump's new policies, a poll shows. In the survey, 2,000 voters were asked what they thought of his agenda on reducing migration, the environment and diversity, but were not told they were Trump's policies. Trump (above) used his inauguration speech last week to declare a national "border emergency" on the Mexico frontier.

When asked whether a similar "border emergency" should be declared in the English Channel, more than half of British voters said yes.

Voters supported other key elements of Don's speech, including Britain should be a "merit-based, colour-blind society" and there are only two genders.

Those asked also said they would a support a British attempt to "fill our strategic [gas] reserves up again right to the top" and export it all over the world — which would be a snub to Ed Miliband's net zero agenda.

They also supported imposing tariffs on other countries to help protect UK workers.

Poll firm Opinium said their long a page from Mr Trump's book".

Boffins with dementia will 'die sooner'

UNIVERSITY graduates are more likely to suffer a swifter demise from dementia than their less

a swifter demise from dementia than their less educated peers, new research suggests.
Those who spend longer in education typically have brain "reserves" helping them fend off early symptoms, evidence found.
It means that more advanced disease has usually set in by the time they are finally diagnosed, so they die sooner.
Analysis by scientists at Erasmus University Medical Centre in Rotterdam, Holland, of 261 studies – including 36 relating to educational attainment – found life expectancy after a dementia diagnosis decreased for every extra year of education.
Patients typically survived for 10.5 years, but researchers found each additional year of studies cut survival time by around 2.5 months.
The finding suggests someone who completed an undergraduate degree at 21 would live a year less than someone who left school after

less than someone who left school after sitting their GCSEs.















EMBARASSING' HISTORY: Submarine will be renamed 'HMS Achilles' - not Agincourt after battle win (below)

MINISTERS stand accused of "political correctness" after allowing the Navy to rename submarine HMS Agincourt

to avoid offending the FROGS! In 2018, the Astute-class submarine became the fleet's submarine became the fleets sixth vessel to be named after the 1415 English victory over the French in the Battle of Agincourt, as part of the Hundred Years' War.

Hundred Years' War.
But in a social post on Sunday evening, the Royal Navy announced the ship would be renamed HMS Achilles, subject to approval by the King. It added that the decision had been made "in light of the 80th anniversaries this year of VE and VJ Day", when many French and British troops fought alongside each other.
Victory in Europe

Hundred Years' War.

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British troops lought alongside each other.
Victory in Europe Day, marking the announcement of the allies' victory in the Second World War, will take place on May 8.
Victory over Japan Day is on August 15.
"Six ships have previously borne the name [Achilles], earning six battle honours, including the River Plate and Okinawa," the Royal Navy said.

It was reported in January last year the Tory Government had

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blocked a request from the Navy to change the name of HMS Agincourt. Grant Shapps, who was Defence Secretary when the initial proposals were said to have been blocked, reacted angrily to the change. "Renaming the HMS Agincourt is nothing short of sacrilege," he said. "This submarine carries a name that honours a defining moment in British history. "Under Labour, woke nonsense is being put ahead of tradition and

our armed forces' proud heritage.

Sir Gavin Williamson. the Defence Secretary who announced the name of HMS Agincourt in 2018, said: "What next HMS Dreadnought to HMS Fear All, HMS Victory to HMS Defeat? We should take pride in our history, not be embarrassed."

Led by Henry V, an English and Welsh army of about 11,000 men, predominantly archers, defeated a French army of between 20,000 and 30,000 men in the Battle of Agincourt.

Gen Z call for **UK** dictator

MORE than half of Gen Z believe Britain should be ruled by a dictator while one in three want the army in charge, a new poll shows.

The findings for C4 also

suggest the emergence of a stark gender divide among young people and a generation that is

a generation that is simultaneously liberal and authoritarian. It comes as 52% of people aged 13-27 said they thought "the UK would be better place." would be a better place if a strong leader was in charge who does not have to bother with Parliament

and elections".
While 33% suggested the UK would be better off "if the army was in charge" another 47% agreed "the entire way our society is organised must be radically changed through revolution" compared with 33% of those aged 45-65.









Sarah's ad isn't BBC's

Cup of tea

HAPPY Valley star
Sarah Lancashire
may be in breach of
BBC guidelines by
"mimicking" her most
famous cop character
in a new TV advert.
Sarah, 60, who
played police officer
Catherine Cawood
(above) in three series
of the BAFTA-winning
Happy Valley stars in
a new campaign for
Yorkshire Tea.
In the advert, which
launched last week,

launched last week, she appears as a no-nonsense security no-nonsense security guard trying to solve what appears to be a mini-crime wave in a company's office. The commercial has

roved a huge hit with the star's fans – not least because of the obvious physical and vocal similarities between the security guard and Cawood.

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One fan wrote:
"Sarah stars in new
Yorkshire Tea advert
solving office crimes –
as Catherine Cawood."
The BBC has strict
guidelines to prevent
third parties exploiting
its programmes,
brands and characters,
as one section states:
"Actors and artists
should not appear in
promotional work, promotional work, including adverts, in a way which mimics or replicates their on-air roles for the BBC."

Police cop for diverse guidelines

COPS have been told not to use the terms "black sheep" and "blacklisted" - to avoid any offence.

A nine-page document that forms part of a 2023 diversity guide for staff at Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire and Cam-bridgeshire constabularies says that the terms risk

says that the terms risk
"portraying certain groups
as inferior or superior
to others".
It states that "pregnant
person" should be used
instead of references to
pregnant women and
"Christian-centric" 'Christian-centric" language like the term
"faith" should be avoided.
The "reference resource

for staff and officers" describes gender as "a social construct relating social construct relating to behaviours and attributes", adding: "There is a wider range of gender identities than just male and female." Police are also reminded to avoid generalisations like older

generalisations like older people being grumpy and boring and women in their 50s being menopausal.

At one point, it is also suggested that the term "mature adult" should not be used as it implies



£800 fine for first offence NOT BOTHERED HOW ABSURD IT SOUNDS: Senator Blackmon

AN American politician has introduced a law that would ban men WANKING in the US

ban men WANKING in the US state of Mississippi.

The proposed legislation is entitled the 'Contraception Begins at Erection Act', and has been brought by pro-abortion politician and Mississippi state Senator Bradford Blackmon.

The bill could see fines of £800 for a first offence, £4,000 for any subsequent offences.

offences.

Blackmon's bill is not an attempt to ban chicken choking in the Deep South, but to highlight what he says are attacks on women's right to have abortions.

abortions.
The 36-year-old said: "All across the country, the vast majority of bills relating to contraception and/or abortion focus on the woman's role when men are 50% of the equation.
"This bill highlights that and brings the man's role into the conversation."

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"People can call it absurd but I can't say that bothers me."

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If the bill were to be passed, it would If the bill were to be passed, it would be unlawful for "a person to discharge genetic material without the intent to fertilize an embryo". Exceptions are made for sperm donation and those who use contraception.

Responding to the announcement on social media site Bluesky, one user wrote: "The bill's name is a clear tell. "This was filed by a young Democrat who is trying to point out Republican

"This was filed by a young Democrat who is trying to point out Republican hypocrisy on contraception/abortion – not actually trying to outlaw ejaculation. And good for him."

It comes after the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs Wade in 2022 and ended the constitutional right to abortion.

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This in turn led to legislatures in Republican-led states further re-stricting abortion and contraception

Mississippi and 11 other states across the US have total or near-total abortion bans.

NEARLY two thirds of Gen Z adults

admit they can't cook - with many of those surveyed saying they don't know how to make an omelette. A new study by dating app FindingTheOne shows young adults aged 18-28 buy takeaways or eat out at restaurants because of their lack of skills in the kitched of skills in the kitchen.

The poll surveyed 1,500 people, across different age groups, and also showed just under half Gen Zers

described the act of cooking as "stressful" and caused anxiety

Even simple meals seemed to be a struggle for many - 42% said they couldn't rustle up a stir-fry while 27% said they even struggled to make soup.

Shockingly, even omelettes – which at their most basic feature just one 61% of Gen Z adults in the survey

Divorce not down to sex-ban wife

A FRENCH woman who stopped having sex with her husband has been vindicated after a court ruled she couldn't be

blamed for her divorce.
The European Court of
Human Rights said her rights were violated after France's legal system found the 69-year-old "at fault" for her divorce.

"I hope this decision will mark a turning point in the fight for women's rights in France," the unnamed woman from Le Chesnay, near Paris,

said in a statement.
She filed for divorce
after 28 years of marriage
in 2012, citing health problems and threats of violence from her husband as reasons why she had stopped sexual relations in 2004.

After a court ruled she was at fault for the split she objected and took her case to the ECHR in 2021.

SOARING numbers of prison officers have been

SOARING numbers of prison officers have been caught having sex with inmates.

Figures obtained from the Ministry of Justice show that 19 prison staff were charged with misconduct in public office in 2023-24 – the highest number for a decade.

They include Linda De Sousa Abreu, 31 (below), who was jailed for 15 months earlier this month after having sex with a convicted burglar in his cell at Wandsworth jail, south London.

The married prison officer, whose liaisons with Linton Weirich had twice been filmed by another prisoner on a mobile phone, admitted misconduct in public office after being charged when the footage was shared online and went viral.

The figures, obtained through Freedom of Information laws, also show that since 2013 a total of 121 officers have been charged with conducting inappropriate relationships with some of the most dangerous criminals in UK prisons.

In one prison alone – HMP Beauwan in Wrasham.

in UK prisons.

In one prison alone – HMP
Berwyn in Wrexham –
Jennifer Gavan, 29, Ayshea
Gunn, 29, and Emily Watson,
28, were all jailed between
2020 and 2023 for having
relationships with inmates.





Cows leave Monty with Don-g out!

GREEN-fingered Monty
Don has admitted he
was left "stark bollock
naked" in his garden.
The Gardeners'
World presenter, 69,
recalled how a herd of
cows once caused chaos
outside his home in
Ivington, Herts.
He said: "Sometimes
we have wildlife there
that we don't want.
One time some cattle
got in.
"I got in the bath,
looked out of the
window and there was
this big white face
looking at me.
"So I got a towel and
rushed outside to chase
them. I put on some
wellies and then the
towel fell and I was
running around stark
bollock naked."
The star recently
revealed his return to
work date amid health
woes as he landed a
new BBC series away
from Gardeners' World.
He was forced to
cancel live events after
staying in hospital for
several days.

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SKULLDOGGERY

THE murder of an unknown man is being investigated after dogs were seen playing with a human skull with a bullet hole in Jefferson County, Alabama.











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Vicar nicked in massage parlour bust

A VICAR has quit following his arrest for hiring a hooker at a massage parlour. The Rev. John F. Fiedler, 72, a former minister at the nearly 15,000-member Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, was forced into retirement. Church records show Fiedler (above) joined the church in 2013, where he preached at the 11am sanctuary service until he was chosen to direct the Mark Craig Leadership Network to train servant leaders. Police records said Fiedler, who is married with three grown-up children, was caught up in a prostitution raid carried out in October, at Massage Ease in Carrollton, Collin County.

An investigator was "advised by Carrollton

An investigator was "advised by Carrollton code enforcement officers the business officers the business was sold to another female who had priors for promotion of prostitution out of Oklahomal in relation to a massage establishment". Fiedler surrendered to police on October 31, in response to a warrant issued for his arrest for solicitation of prostitution

of prostitution.

California votes to leave US

THE state of California has moved a step closer to leaving the US after an initiative was cleared to legally gather signatures. If passed, the proposed measure, dubbed "Calexit", would be on the ballot in 2028 and activate activate and activate and activate and activate activate and activate activate activate activate and activate a

2028 and ask voters:
"Should California leave
the United States and
become a free and

independent country?"
For the measure to
pass, at least 50% of registered voters must take part in the election, and at least 55% – more than 500,000 people – must vote by July 22. Should that happen, it

would trigger "a vote of no confidence in the United States of America" and "expression of the will of the people of California" to become an independent country.

And if that's approved, the proposal would declare a "vote of no confidence in the United States of America", with-

States of America", with-out changing the state's government or its relationship with the US. The secession plan, introduced by Fresno-based political activist Marcus Evans, also calls for the US flag to be removed from all state buildings.







January 29, 2025 Sport 21 WHAT'S ANNOYING HIM THIS WEEK? <u> Councils: Have you</u>

tried NO Annual Cras Wast

EVERYONE'S Council Tax bill is about to go up by the maximum amount councils are allowed to hike it.

That's about 5% more being charged on top of what you're already giving them – for fewer and fewer council services.

and fewer council services. If you were to listen to the largely Labour councils that are currently going tits up, rest assured you'll hear the excuse of "Tory cuts".

And it's true that there were council funding cuts made by the 2010-15 coalition government led by David Cameron, Nick Clegg and George Osborne.

Collapse

They had to, because after the late Nineties banking collapse and subsequent breathtaking bailouts running into the hundreds of billions, there simply was less money around. The other reason why so many councils are completely skint, though – with some already declared bankrupt and others teetering on the brink – is also down to them. If councils stopped spending other people's money on stupid things that no one actually wants, they'd find they might have some cash left at the end of every month.

end of every month.

They could try, for instance, ditching their dual obsessions with

Council Tax

"diversity" and saving polar bears.

They could leave zebra crossings alone instead of expensively painting them in rainbow colours to keep that solitary member of the local Green Party happy.

How about just fixing the potholes and emptying the f**king bins?!

My local Labour council recently launched one of those dreaded "consultation" exercises with the people they hate the most—the people who pay their wages.

It asked whether or not people agreed to installing miles and miles of cycle lanes on existing main roads barely wide enough to have two lanes

of cycle lanes on existing main roads barely wide enough to have two lanes for cars and buses. Almost everyone said "no thanks". So the council took no notice of them whatsoever and decided to plough on regardless.

The money for the cycling lanes wasn't from Council Tax, you see.

Grasping

It came from a different, save-the-world pot of dosh, set aside to await grasping councils desperately needing to waste our money again. But whichever potit's from, whether local or national government, or some pointless quango you don't understand, it all originates from our pockets.

our pockets.

Not some of it, or most of it, but all of it.

Yet

way these clipboard carrying c**ts act in town halls up and down the land, you'd think they were paying for everything out of their own bank accounts.

So where I live, whether we like it or not, the roads are about to come to a shuddering halt.

And it is just because some twat who

And it is just because some twat who used to get picked last

used to get picked last in games now has green hair. And don't get me onto those utterly useless "metro mayors" who, surprise surprise, are also demanding you pay them more money to come up with stupid ideas that will never, ever see the light of day.



AN article in a lesser newspaper at the weekend raised

AN article in a lesser newspaper at the weekend later an eyebrow.
It was a piece by a writer seeking to compare Generation X (born mid-1960s to late 70s) with today's Generation Z (late 1990s to 2012).
The scribe described how she used to keep a diary, and how very Bridget Jones of her it was to note down at the beginning of 1997: "Lose a stone, stop smoking, drink less, get a boyfriend."
Except I remember this woman at the beginning of 1997. She was living with someone in London.
Er. ves... me.

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Arsonist lit 'disgusting' jiggle joint

A MAN was arrested and charged with arson for setting a strip club on fire – telling police he torched it as it went

he torched it as it went against his beliefs".
Colton Jansen, 25 (above), was nabbed by cops after he was caught on CCTV using a propane torch to set a tissue box on fire after breaking into Shooter's Showgirls in Elk Mound, Wisconsin.
The arsonist told investigators that he

The arsonist told investigators that he wasn't a fan of 'those clubs' and found them 'disgusting'. Police, along with eleven local fire departments, rushed to the jiggle joint after they were alerted by motorists on a nearby highway that the structure was engulfed in flames.

No injuries have been reported, officials

been reported, officials said, but the club has been shut down since the blaze.

Firebug

The firebug was later identified as a suspect after police tracked his car from the venue to his home using number

plate recognition.

Jansen initially
denied any involvement in the blaze and
claimed his car had

been stolen.

But he later admitted torching the business due to his dislike of strip clubs.

He's charged with

arson and burglary, according to online court records.

Dog owner froze as pet took dump

A WOMAN froze to death
- while letting her dog
out for a shit.
Eugenia Michele
Wadman, 43, was found
dead in her backyard,

dead in ner backyard, according to cops in Huron County, Ohio. Authorities say the doting dog owner stepped outside with her pooch wearing only a pair of light pyjamas when the misfortune foll misfortune fell.

Eugenia "appeared to have fallen and sustained injuries consistent with struggling and crawling on the snow-and-ice-covered yard," the local sheriff's office said in a statement.
She is suspected to

have died from hypother-mia after being exposed to the subzero tempera-

to the subzero tempera-tures overnight.

A preliminary police investigation indicates
Eugenia may have injured herself and fallen onto the icy ground where she was immobilised due to the cold the cold.

NEW CONFESSION: Pam

The condition of her dog was unknown.



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The Baywatch legend revealed all to Martha Stewart during an interview for *Elle* magazine's latest digital issue.
Pam explained her mum was a big

Fam explained her mum was a big reason she decided to pose for the iconic men's mag in October 1989.

She said: "I was such a shy young girl, if you can believe it — I wanted to do anything to stop being shy.

"When the Playboy cover came up, my mom said, 'Do it'. I didn't know what it was going to lead to but then

my mom said, 'Do it'. I didn't know what it was going to lead to, but then it led to this wild and crazy life.

"It's hard to navigate a business that is based on physical beauty and also naivety. You're in this business, and you want to please people.

"You have a gut feeling maybe it's not the right thing to do, you can get vourself in dangerous situations."

yourself in dangerous situations

In 2018, Pam – now 57 – discussed her mother's influence on her *Playboy* career, explaining: "It was the woman's choice to be in the magazine. It was my choice to be in it, I wasn't made to do anything I was uncomfortable with.

"My first vection was "No" and I

was uncomfortable with.

"My first reaction was, 'No', and I talked to mother. And she said, 'Why not? Get out of this small town, go to Los Angeles'. How exciting!

"I'd never been on a plane before, I'd never gotten out of my little town and I was scared to death by it. I overcame a lot of my painful shyness, that's for sure."

Now that her Playboy days are behind her, Pam is living a peaceful life in Ladysmith, British Columbia.

The blonde bombshell decided to get back into acting as well as gardening and moving her parents onto her property.

onto her property









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Dear Ashleigh,

I HAVE an amazing girlfriend but none of my friends like her and refuse to hang out with me when I am with her.

We have been together for six months and I really think she could be the one – the sex is amazing, there's nothing she won't do in bed, and we get on really well.

be the one – the sex is amazing, there's nothing she won't do in bed, and we get on really well.

She met my friends a few months back and I was desperate to show her off when we all had a night out in a club.

I got smashed and don't remember a thing, but the next day my mates said how she was trying it on with them all and trying to put her hands down their trousers.

My girlfriend denied all of it, and she really isn't the type of girl to do anything like that, but my mates won't change their minds. They say she is not right for me and I'll end up getting hurt.

What should I do?

BC. Southport

BC, Southport

Ashleigh says...
WHY would your friends make it up? Looks like you'll have to choose – your girlfriend or your mates.

Dear Ashleigh,

I HAVE a huge problem with a bit of a weird fetish. I like to be tied up and spanked by the opposite sex — and I think about it all the time.

I have met a few mistresses who have similar sexual tastes to me and I have really loved it when they have good earning.

tastes to me and I have really loved it when they have given me a good caning.

I am really getting into it, but now I am scared that people at work or friends may find out.

I always hide my whip marks, but we had a works football match the other week and I was terrified to have a shower after the game in case my colleagues saw the marks.

I always hide them, but I'm still worried they will be seen one day.

I don't know what to do?

PC, Norfolk

PC. Norfolk

Ashleigh says...
JUST carry on enjoying yourself – we all have little kinky secrets!

My massive boobs have their ups – and downs

Dear Ashleigh,

I'M seriously considering having my 38FF boobs reduced – and that's what I'd like your opinion on.
I'm a 25-year-old redhead who hasn't had too much trouble having my needs satisfied by men (and sometimes women), so sex is not the issue.

sometimes women), so sex is not the issue.

I've always enjoyed the looks I've got from men, especially when I wear low-cut tops, and they find it almost impossible not to store at my cleaves.

stare at my cleavage.

I never have any problems getting the fella I fancy to take me home, such is the power of my boobs.

And when I get there I

And when I get there, I know how to use my breasts

to keep him as long as I

to keep him as long as I want.

In a sex situation they become the centre of attention, and I can control him to make sure my needs are met before he does his thing.

But big boobs do tend to make my back ache sometimes.

They get in the way in the gym and elothes

in the gym and clothes cost a lot more, too, so it's a tricky one. What do you say?

FG, Derby

Ashleigh says...

SPEND more time on your back! Sex on tap will ease away those aches and pains.

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Ces Subject:

<u>Ex-porn star showed me</u> her skills for a tenner!

Dear Ashleigh,

I LIVE on the 25th floor of a council block and I've been unemployed for three years. Ever since I left school, I

have found various ways to occupy my time.

One is doing odd jobs for some of the women in the block where I live.

Most have got young kids

and the fathers are often not around

around.

I'll go round and, for a few quid, fix their plumbing or put up a few shelves – and they are never slow to show me how grateful they are.

Slammed

A lot of them are real mingers and I'd rather have a wank than screw them – though sometimes I accept a quick blowjob in lieu of payment. Recently, however, an ex-porn

Recently, however, an ex-porn actress moved into the block. I recognised her straight away. She was looking a bit rough and a neighbour told me that she d fallen on hard times.

Anyway, I went round to offer my services and she said she really needed some help putting some self-assembly furniture together.

We got chatting and she said she still loved to f**k and that

she'd do anything for a tenner.

sne a do anything for a tenner. So I told her to strip, bend over the couch and finger herself. She had no problem with this and it wasn't long before I got my rock-solid nine-incher out and alternated it up her conjugication.

After a few minutes I pulled out, spun her round and shot my load all over her face.

For the next couple of hours I

got her to re-enact every porn scene I could imagine.

I've since enjoyed several such sessions, but now she pesters me pretty much every day for a

tenner.
And the truth is, I'm sick of

shagging her. What can I do?

JT. east London

Ashleigh says...

INTRODUCE her to some of your

Dear Ashleigh,

I GOT pissed at a party and ended up shagging my fit mother-in-law.

She's well worth a f**k, but I've managed to control myself until new

until now.

Everyone had gone to bed when she started coming on to

I couldn't believe it when she took her top off to reveal her massive tits.

I was soon rock-hard and took

her from behind on the couch.
The next day I saw her and said we should try to forget about it, but she said she's up

I'm tempted, what should I do?

TH. Cornwall

Ashleigh says...

BE very careful. If your wife finds out, it will be a nightmare for you.

Massages swell my bits and our bank balance

Dear Ashleigh,

I HAVE a poorly-paid job in on the checkout of a supermarket and the wife and I have been

skint lately.

To her credit, she offered to go out and get a bar job at nights to bring in some extra

I have to admit I wasn't too keen on the idea, but she told me not to worry and that she'd be fine.

be tine.
I'd just managed to get my head round it when I bumped into a friend of hers who shocked me by asking how the missus was doing in the

missus was doing in the massage parlour!
That night when she got in about 1.30am, I confronted her. She admitted what had been going on and I hit the roof

roof.
But I calmed down a bit

when she said she earned about £200 a shift.

Then she described some of the "services" she provided – hand relief, oral and full sex. As she spoke, I began to get

aroused and soon had a stiffy.

aroused and soon had a stiffy. What followed was amazing. She took off my clothes and told me to lie on my stomach. Then she stripped to her bra and panties and began to rub this sweet-smelling oil on me. By this time my knob was gagging for it, and she took a grip of it as she rolled me over. She traced her tongue along its length before removing her

its length before removing her panties and easing herself on to me. Soon she built up a rhythm

and it took all my self-control to avoid early ejaculation. I was in heaven, and 10 minutes later we both came to

minutes later we both came to a shuddering climax. Since then we've had great sex, but I'm still ashamed that she's having to do this job because I can't earn enough. What should I do?

KD, Birmingham

Ashleigh says...

CARRY on until you get a better

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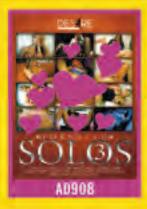












































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28. Not happy (3)
29. Nutty sweet (6)
30. Boundary (6)
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32. Counteracting remedy (8)
33. Jailer (6)

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1. Shoe type (6)
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1. DONALD Trump's border czar, Tom Homan, responded to which celebrity's sobbing video over deportations, saying

over deportations, sayif the administration has "no apologies"? a) Gwyneth Paltrow b) Selena Gomez c) Paris Hilton

d) Kim Kardashian

2. THE maker of which fizzy drink issued an urgent recall over fears the product may contain "higher levels" of the chemical chlorate?
a) Tizer
b) Irn-Bru
c) Pepsi Max
d) Coca-Cola

3. WHICH TV chef claims his "hero" Marco Pierre White "still doesn't like him" after the outspoken cook called him "a fat

cook called film "a fat chef with a drum kit"? a) Gordon Ramsay b) James Martin c) Jamie Oliver d) Tom Kerridge

4. JUST Stop Oil activists stormed the Theatre Royal in the West End Royal in the West End during a performance of The Tempest. Which Hollywood star was on stage at the time? a) Sigourney Weaver b) Meryl Streep c) Barbra Streisand d) Glenn Close

5. WHICH trendy burger chain announced the

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7. WHICH major UK sports channel is set to disappear from TV screens after 35 years, sparking fears over free-to-air coverage?

shock closure of all its

13 years, as fans say it's the "end of an era"? a) Burger Me! b) Five Guys c) Almost Famous d) Bob's Burgers

UK restaurants after

6. NAME the sacked footy referee who has come out as gay and told why he used cocaine as

an "escape route"?
a) Freddie Coote
b) George Coote
c) David Coote
d) David Cooee

a) Setanta Golf b) Sky Sports c) Eurosport

d) BoxNation

8. WHICH Coronation Street actor has told how a generous fan left him £5.000 in their will?

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a) William Roache b) Michael La Vell c) Bernard Youens d) Jack P Shepherd

9. WHICH bankrupt celeb has revealed plans to make £500million in the

make £500million in the
next three years?
a) Katie Price
b) Kerry Katona
c) Danniella Westbrook
d) Nigella Lawson

10. ACCORDING to stats from the ONS, how many people will be living in the UK by the year 2032?
a) 70 million
b) 72.5 million
c) 75 million
d) 85 million

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HORSE RACING: ALL TODAY'S BEST BETS



DISTANT RUMBLE can completeaswiftcourseand-distance double in the Try Unibet's New Smartview Racecards Handicap at Kempton.

Roger Teal's charge was out of luck in five juvenile outings from May through to September, but he did improve in increments and ended his two-year-old campaign with a couple of placed efforts at Rath

couple of placed efforts at Bath.

Subsequently gelded and given a bit of time off the track, he returned to action at this course last week, stepping up to six furlongs for the first time to good effect. effect

Progression

Racing off a mark of 68, he grabbed the lead inside the distance and went on to prevail by a length and a

quarter, keeping on well in the closing stages.

Distant Rumble has to contend with a 6lb penalty here, but he looked as

By MIKE FRANCIS

though he could be open to

though he could be open to more progression and can defy that higher mark.

Quai De Bethune is the pick in the second division of the Unibet Supports Safer Gambling Maiden Stakes.

A modest €75,000 purchase as a yearling, he was sent off a 33-1 shot on his debut for Andrew Balding at Sandown back in September.

He was beaten eight and a quarter lengths in third,

He was beaten eight and a quarter lengths in third, behind a winner who is entered in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and a runner-up who ran Classic contender Bay City Roller to less than a length on debut.

Quai De Bethune was slowly away that day and looked very much in need of the experience, with the slight switch up to a mile here a positive on pedigree.

Opera Ballo is one to watch in division one. He is having his first start for Charlie Appleby having bypassed a juvenile campaign, but given his sire

campaign, but given his sire



NAP TRAINER: Roger Teal

Ghaiyyath really reached his peak at four and beyond, his best days should be ahead of him.

Whizz By can live up to her name by chalking up a fourth successive victory in the Unibet Zero% Mission (London Mile Series Qualifier) Handicap.

She has won three times

Qualifier) Handicap.
She has won three times at Southwell now, rising from a mark of 51 to her current perch of 67 after a recent half-length win.

Bumper

Her previous effort at Kempton in July last year yielded no joy, but she is a filly in form for Tom Ward and seemingly very game.

Sole Solution hit the target when upped to a longer trip and can thrive for an even sterner test in the Haldon Stayers' Handicap Hurdle at Exeter.

Twice a bumper winner in the 2022/3 season, he was

the 2022/3 season, he was then off the track for 678 days before returning with a sixth place at Bangor in November.

His subsequent 14-length

defeat at the hands of Sixmilebridge now reads better following that runner's Grade Two success runner's Grade Two success at Cheltenham on Saturday, while Sole Solution prevailed himself when upped to an extended two miles and five furlongs at Hereford in mid-January. In-form trainer Venetia Williams has set him a test of two furlongs further here but given the ease of his

but given the ease of his victory, Sole Solution should not be out of his depth and can strike.

SELECTIONS

DUNDALK: 2.17 Tropical Retreat, 2.47 Eighty Eight, 3.17 Mister Adam, 3.47 Ice Opera, 4.17 Amemri, 4.47 Anvika, 5.17

4.17 Amemri, 4.47 Anvika, 5.17 Velvet Skies. EXETER: 1.32 Lumi Plugin, 2.02 Madaket, 2.32 Plantaroma, 3.02 Not So Woolly, 3.32 Sole Solution, 4.02 Joe Cotton, 4.32 Urban Isle.

Urban Isle.
KEMPTON: 5.00 Rising Force,
5.30 Opera Ballo, 6.00 Quai De
Bethune, 6.30 Whizz By, 7.00
Enpassant, 7.30 DISTANT
RUMBLE (NAP), 8.00 Mr
Nugget, 8.30 Shaad.



WILLIAM MUIR

Dyr looks value at Southwell

THURSDAY TIPS

DYRHOLAEY can make a successful start to his 2025 campaign in the £5 Free Bet With BetUK Handicap at Southwell.

The four-year-old won his first three starts on the all-weather for Archie Watson, prompting powerhouse owners Wathnan Racing to secure his services prior a planned outing at Royal Ascot last summer. He was ultimately well

beaten in the Palace of beaten in the Palace or Holyrood House Stakes, however, and was not seen again until reappearing on a Monday night at Wolverhampton in late December.

A hot favourite to make a triumphant return,
Dyrholaey had to make do
with minor honours in third, but it was not a bad effort on his first start since being gelded and he

should improve for the run.
Running over the same
six-furlong trip in Nottinghamshire, Watson's charge should prove hard to beat.

Improving mare Caramay looks well placed to continue her excellent run of form in the Weekly £5 Free Bet With BetUK

Handicap.
Trained in partnership
by William Muir and Chris Grassick, the daughter of Lethal Force has won five of her last eight starts and has gone up 22lb in the weights as a result.
Two of those victories

have come at Southwell and she returns on a hat-trick after following up a dominant Wolverhampton success with a determined display here a week later.

While the winning margin was only half a length that day, she won with enough authority to

suggest her winning streak might not be over. Evening all-weather fare comes from Chelmsford, where Diamont Katie looks a solid betting proposition in the Bet Boost At bet365 Fillies' Novice Stakes.

SELECTIONS

CHELMSFORD: 5.30 Windsor CHELMSFORD: 8.30 Windsor Pass, 6.00 Diamont Katie, 6.30 Fast Flo, 7.00 Thunder Star, 7.30 Sunny Time, 8.00 Samra Star, 8.30 Cherry King. SOUTHWELL: 12.12 SOUTHWELL: 12.12 Rosenpur, 12.42 Cherry Cobbler, 1.12 Caramay, 1.42 DYRHOLAEY (NAP), 2.12 Dark Mystery, 2.42 Evoluir, 3.12 Miss Calculation, 3.42 Tea Sea, 4.12 Soames Forsyte, WINCANTON: 12.55 Chique Angel, 1.25 Shillanavogy, 1.55 Don't Mind If I Do, 2.25 Gentleman Jacques, 2.55 Bill Baxter, 3.25 Mr Glass, 3.55 Oracle Park, 4.25 Ghina Di



ner rather's role in her career, from taking her to her first practices and, at the age of six, promising her £10 for every goal she scored for the Astley and Tyldesley Girls team in Greater Manchester – a pledge that cost him £100 in her first come.

in her first game.

Toone recalled how her

parents would travel to watch all of her games as a pro, then re-watched recordings at home before her dad phoned her to talk them over.

Toone said her first clue that something was not right came as he looked ill after the opening game of the Euros, England's 1-0 win over Austria at Old Trafford, and then missed the

then missed the game against Norway which was played in Brighton. But both her parents continued to tell Toone that her dad was simply "not feeling too well", and she did not get a fuller picture until after United's 4-0 FA Cup final win over Tottenham last
May, a match in which
Toone scored the opener.
That was the first time

cancer was mentioned.
"I'm still processing,"
Toone added. "This is my
first try at really talking
about it. Like dad said, The Toones are not great at feelings. But I wanted to write this, for anyone grieving and feeling alone."

STAFF CALL: Farrell

Farrell firms up his Lions coaches

RUGBY UNION

THE British and Irish Lions have confirmed David have confirmed David Nucifora and Aled Walters as the first appointments to Andy Farrell's backroom staff for this summer's tour to Australia.

Nucifora has been seconded from Scottish Rugby and will perform the role of general manager of performance, while head of athletic performance Walters joins from the Irish Rugby Football Union.

Completing the trio of recruits for the 10-fixture tour is Ireland's Vinny Hammond, who will travel Down Under as head of

Nucifora is Australian. won two caps in the early 1990s and worked closely with current Wallabies boss Joe Schmidt when they were both employed by the IRFU, while Walters helped South Africa win the 2019 World Cup. "In David, Aled and Vinny

we have three of the absolute best joining us for the tour to Australia this summer, culminating in the highly anticipated Test series against the Wallabies," Farrell said.

"David's unrivalled experience will help us shape and deliver such a challenging and exciting rugby programme, whilst also bringing essential insight into Australian rugby and the country as a

"Aled is a World Cup winner who has worked with players across England and Ireland and has also coached in Australia and Super Rugby

with the Brumbies.

"And Vinny's Lions
pedigree from New Zealand and South Africa brings continuity and experience, which will be crucial to success down under."

TEAM England Rugby Ltd will represent the Red Roses in a partnership that will align the interests of the England men's and

women's sides.
TER was set up last year
to manage the playing and commercial rights of Steve Borthwick's squad but has now also taken on responsibility for this year's World Cup hosts. The partnership will

cover all matters concerning Red Roses contracts, which are funded by the Rugby Football Union.

Among the goals of the agreement are to support the growth of the women's international game.

binned by SA Sunrisers after flo

her how ill he was until near the end.

"When he passed, it was a big shock, even to some of the people closest to him,

because no one

CRICKET By NED TRUEMAN

ENGLAND Test opener Zak Crawley is facing an abrupt end to his stint in the SA20 league, with Sunrisers Eastern Cape ready to drop the struggling batter.

Crawley found himself under renewed scrutiny after a meagre 52 runs in six innings in a three-match series against New Zealand before Christmas, dismissed on all six occasions by his new-ball nemesis Matt new-ball nemesis Matt Henry, but hoped for a change in fortunes in his overseas stint in Gqeberha.

Losses

A move to the T20 format A move to the T20 format has not been the morale-boosting diversion the 26-year-old wanted, with an average of 11 in his eight innings for Sunrisers.

Crawley was dismissed first ball of the match against Joburg Super Kings in his most recent outing and it now appears the franchise are ready to cut their losses.

"T20 is a brutal game if you're out of form. It doesn't give time," head co Adi Birrell said. head coach

HEARTFELT: Toon and her tribute (inset) after scoring

"I really feel for him. He's a great guy who puts in the hard work and tries his utmost best to turn it around. But it's been hard for him.
"He's been

"He's been getting out to straight balls but also caught behind off wide balls. He's been getting out in two modes.
"We are going to have to look at it and come up with the plan for the next game. We've obviously backed him until now. We have got other options."

other options."
Meanwhile,
fast bowler Mark Woodisdelighted to hear England $\begin{smallmatrix}c&o&a&c&h\\B&r&e&n&d&o&n\end{smallmatrix}$

McCullum say he won't be wrapped in cotton wool any more. "I was surprised

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but Wood ut pleased,"
Wood said,
reacting to Baz's

comments.

"We've got big
things (this
year) but I've
missed so many games England that, when you have a chance, you want to play."

to play." Wood, Wood, who turned 35 this month, is at the start of his latest c o m e b a c k, having been out

since last
August with a
minor thigh
problem
followed by the the more serious issue of bone stress in his

right elbow.

He was initially told not to lift his

children with his right arm but while Wood did not fear he would lose his ability to bowl 95mph-plus deliveries, there were other concerns with being out for so long. "The question is whether I

"The question is whether I n still be as good or nsistent or accurate," can onsistent

consistent or accurate," Wood said.
"I do doubt if I will come back the same, or if that is it, with the age I am at. They are the doubts I have. I know if I come back, I will still bowl

Short-term

"But I haven't got many miles on my clock. I work hard on my fitness, I worked hard in that downtime. One percenters like not drinking, trying to eat well, all plays a

small part.

"I was a late developer in cricket, I wasn't bowling quickly until my early 20s. I don't see why I can't keep bowling quickly in the short-term".

Wood was key to England's 2019 50-over World Cup triumph on home soil and the 2022 T20 equivalent in Australia, while he claimed

the wicket that sealed his nation's last Ashes triumph a decade ago.

The next 12 months offer

The next 12 months offer several opportunities to add tohislegacy and ablockbuster Ashes in Australia might feel like a logical end point, with Wood admitting the thought has crossed his mind.

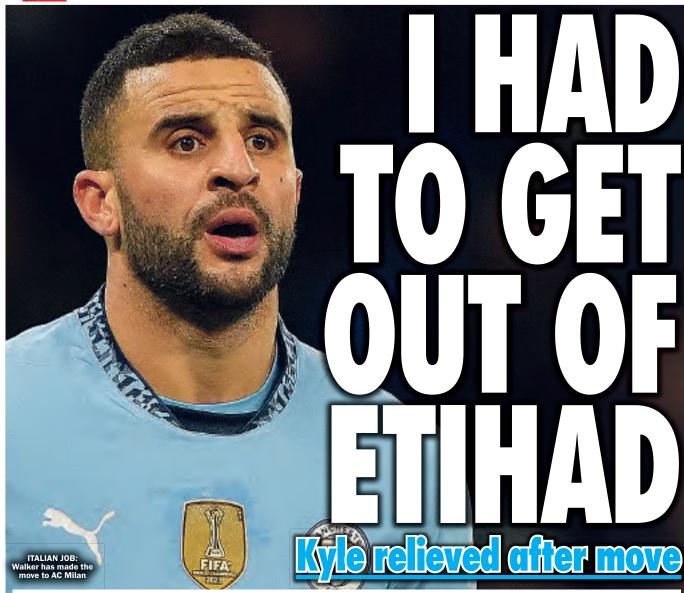
'I would feel that as well, thinking this is the age people usually stop," he said. "I think when you look at

what's coming up, you think could that be the end or could this be the last time I play here?

"You just don't know and I think, as you get older, that creeps in more. "When I was in my mid-20s

"When I was in my mid-20s or when I first started for England, I never thought that would be the case. Now, there's all these young guns coming through, am I still at the standard required to play for England?
"I have belief in myself and as long as the close circle around you, McCullum, the captain, your team-mates, believe in you as well then that gives you more confidence."

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KYLE Walker has said joining AC Milan was an opportunity he could not turn down following his move from Manchester City.

was announced last Friday that the 34-year-old England right-back had signed for Milan on loan from City for the rest of the season, with an option for the Serie Aoutfit

option for the Serie Aoutfit to make the switch permanent.

Speaking at a press conference alongside Zlatan Ibrahimovic, the former Milan striker now working as a senior adviser to the club's ownership and management, Walker said:
"I could have stayed in Manchester, I still had a contract there. But I think it comes down to challenges in comes down to challenges in

Knocking

"Sometimes you find yourself in a little bit of a situation where you think 'I need to try something different', and I've spoken to many players, many explayers, who have not moved abroad to a different league, and they said to me 'I wish I'd experienced it'.
"If I wasn't going to a big club, I don't think I would have done it. I think I would have stayed in the Premier League, at Manchester City, and continued my career there.

there.
"But when a club like this

comes knocking on the door for you, I think there's only certain clubs in the world that you can kind of not say

opportunity I wanted.
"When I spoke to Zlatan he
made it clear they were
excited, they wanted to take
me on board and that made me feel secure, that made me feel this is the right decision, that was the gut feeling I

Walker, who City boss Pep Guardiola signed for the

club in 2017 and has won a club in 2017 and has won a glut of silverware since, including six Premier League titles and the Champions League, made the most recent of his 11 starts this season on December 15.

Guardiola revealed on January 11 that the defender had two days earlier "asked to explore the options to play abroad".

Walker said: "Obviously things at Manchester City wasn't going too well and I

wasn't playing enough football. So a reason for me wanting to come and play for this great club was that I hopefully can play a little bit more football than what I was there, and I want to win things

"When I spoke with Pep it wasn't a very comfortable conversation because of the respect we both have for each other, from what we've achieved at Manchester City.
"I'd like to think he knows

what I bring to the dressing room and the atmosphere I create."

reate.
He added: "At Manchester
City it was my family – from
the cooks to the cleaner, the

City it was my family – from the cooks to the cleaner, the kit men, the physios. I would like to think I was liked a lot and I made sure everyone was blended in together.

"I just have to try to find the same here.

"I have to learn a lot of names, I need to speak Italian, I'm going to do Italian lessons, but it's something I'm committed to and wanting to learn.

"I'm so hungry, I still have the fire in my belly to go and achieve things, and that's the main thing, that's why I really want to come here – I don't want to just win things in one country, I want to come to another country and also win there as well."

Believe

Ibrahimovic said: "The fact he's a leader on and off the pitch, this is a characteristic we need. "He's an alpha male in the

characteristic we need.

"He's an alpha male in the dressing room and he can give a helping hand when the going gets tough, when things are going well as well.

"But he's not only very good on the pitch, he's very strong off the field as well. He can offer a great deal in a number of different areas. We're talking about a rightback but we also believe he can play as a centre-back."

Milan, who replaced boss Paulo Fonseca with Sergio Conceicao last month, are currently seventh in Serie A.

BACK AT H

Luton have signed Bristol City defender Kal Naismith on loan for the rest of the season. The 32-year-old is set for a second stint at Kenilworth

Road, having been player of the season in 2021-22.

The Scot has made just seven appearances for City this season, last seeing first-team action in November, and is

action in November, and is ready to throw himself back into the battle on familiar turf. "I'm delighted, I feel like a kid again," he said. "I'm grateful to get this opportunity to come back again. We're not in a great place at the minute but it's still against electric still against the control of the said of the sa an amazing place with amazing people, if I can come in and add to that, hopefully have a good end to the season, that's

what I'm here to do."

CARDIFF have acquired

loan from Ajax until the end of the season, subject to international clearance. The 22-year-old Norway

youth international joined Molde in 2021, then signed a five-year contract with Ajax in 2023. He said: "This is a big challenge for me. That's also why I wanted to take this challenge because I like challenge, because I like challenges. The Championship is a tough league, so hopefully it fits my type of play." Centre-back Matt Clarke has

returned to Derby, this time from Middlesbrough on a permanent deal until the

conclusion of the campaign.
The 28-year-old spent the
2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons with the Rams on loan from Brighton, winning the Championship side's player of the season award.



- 1911: Henri Rougier won the first Monte Carlo Rally, driving a Turcat-Mery
- 1913: American athlete Jim Thorpe was stripped of his pentathlon and decathlon gold medals from the 1912 Stockholm Olympics after it was discovered he had been paid for playing baseball a couple of years earlier.
- 1991: In Super Bowl XXV, the New York Giants beat the Buffalo Bills 20-19 to record the only one point win in the event's history.
- 1999: Sunderland offered free admission for a reserve fixture against Liverpool and attracted 33,517 supporters.
- 2004: Manager Sir Alex Ferguson signed a one-year rolling contract with Manchester United, to commence in July 2005. He remained in his post until the end of the 2012-13
- 2006: Robbie Fowler rejoined Liverpool from Manchester City on a free transfer.
- 2010: Manchester United beat Manchester City 3-1 in their League Cup semi-final second leg at Old Trafford for a 4-3 aggregate
- success. 2011: Liverpool agreed a fee with Ajax for Uruguay striker Luis Suarez.
- 2013: Novak Djokovic beat Andy Murray 6-7 (2) 7-6 (3) 6-3 6-2 to win the Australian Open.
- 2017: Phil Taylor announced his darts career would end after the 2018 World Championship, Taylor eventually finished runner-up at Alexandra Palace.
- 2018: Caroline Wozniacki won the Australian Open title, beating Simona Halep 7-6 (2) 3-6 6-4 in the final in Melbourne.
- 2019: Novak Djokovic produced one of the great grand slam final performances to swat aside Rafael Nadal 6-3 6-2 6-3 and become the first man to win seven titles at the Australian Open.
- 2022: Exeter rugby union club announced they would rebrand themselves in line with the 'Celtic Iron Age Dumnonii Tribe' after deciding to abandon the controversial Native American theme which provoked fierce criticism.
- 2024: Aryna 2024: Aryna
 Sabalenka
 successfully defended
 the Australian Open
 women's singles
 crown with a 6-3 6-2 victory over Zheng

WE'RE NO1 FOR FOOTY NEWS



PEP Guardiola is calling for "something special" from his Manchester City side to save their Champions League

campaign.
City, the 2023 winners, must beat Club Brugge at the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday to stay in the competition.

Guardiola's team have slipped outside the top 24 in

slipped outside the top 24 in the league phase after winning just two of their first seven matches. "The situation that we have is that we have to win the game and if not we will not continue in this competition," said the City manager.

Emotions

"But it's not a problem, it's an opportunity, a challenge, and we will face it.

and we will face it.

"We would like to score a lot in the first 20 minutes but I don't think it is going to happen. The approach is to read the game we have to play—be completely relaxed, no emotions and understand the game.

the game.
"I know these type of

By JACK FARLEY

games you have to put in something special — something there has not been enough of so far in this Champions League – to win the games.

the games."

City find themselves in this predicament after surrendering a 2-0 lead to lose 4-2 at Paris St Germain last week.

Yet although they are two points outside the play-off positions, their task is at least straightforward because Club Brugge are one of the teams above them that they can eath in the

one of the teams above them that they can catch in the standings.

Victory therefore would be enough to snatch a playoff spot and Guardiola, also a two-time winning coach with Barcelona, is used to dealing with such big-match pressures.

He said: "Tve been many years in the Champions League since I started my career as a manager, and these type of games I've played many times during

these type of games ive played many times during my career. "Sooner or later you have to play these type of games where if you win you go



through and if you don't you

"It's happened more in the further stages but we are here for the reasons we know, that we have not been good enough, but this is a situation we have lived many times."

Guardiola is refusing to contemplate the prospect of ${\it defeat}.$

said at a press

conference: "It would not be good (to lose) but I'm not thinking about that right

Asked if it would be embarrassing, he said: "Ask me the question after. I

know you want it!
"Thank you for your concern again. I know how worried you are if we are

out.
"After the game you can

ask me and I will answer

you."
The stakes are also high for Club Brugge, who come into the game on the back of

a 20-game unbeaten run. Guardiola said: "It's a final for both of us. I expect

a tough opponent.
"When a team is 20-21 games unbeatenitis because they are good. There are no secrets about that. That's

bow it is.

"They do it really well — different variations in the build-up, a man-marking situation, it is always uncomfortable.

Hopeful

"We have to do it well but "We have to do it well but in every team, Manchester City included, there are weaknesses. You have to try to discover all of them and try to punish them."

City are without defenders Nathan Ake and Ruben Dias but are hopeful John Stones, who has not stayted for a

but are hopeful John Stones, who has not started for a month, will be fit after appearing off the bench against Chelsea on Saturday.

Guardiola said: "He played 35 minutes and played really well. We will see how he feels."



OLD FOE: Peter Bosz

Liverpool are boss says PSV boss Bosz

PSV Eindhoven head coach Peter Bosz has watched Liverpool as a fan more times than most other teams and is impressed with what compatriot Arne Slot has achieved in his maiden season.

The last time the two coaches faced each was in a 2-2 draw in March when Slot was in charge of Feyenoord, with Bosz's side going on to win the Eredivisie by seven points from their title rivals.

Slot's record against Bosz is not particularly good, with one win and two defeats in four meetings, but the Eindhoven boss admits the advantage has tilted towards his countryman because of the higher quality now at his disposal.

"As a fan, I watch them more often than many other teams. They play very nice football. Arne

very nice football. Arne Slot is doing particularly well," he told a press conference.
"Going to another country is already a challenge, but going to a top club is even more difficult.

"I find it remarkable that Liverpool made few big purchases and they just went with the existing group. That may have been an advantage.

"I see comparisons between his Liverpool and his Feyenoord from last year when I look at his year when I look at his tactics: letting the striker drop, wanting to create an excess in midfield, letting the goalkeeper build up, these are all things he did at Fevenoord.

"The difference is with this Liverpool team he has

PSV need a point to secure a play-off place and even if Liverpool – already qualified for the last 16 and needing a point to guarantee top spot – field a weakened side ahead of a tough test at

a tough test at
Bournemouth, Bosz knows
it will not be easy.
"The goal is to reach the
next round. We are going
to play against perhaps
the best club in Europe, if

not the world," he added.
"We can see if we can
compete at this level." Liverpool defender Joe Gomez has returned to training to give head coach Arne Slot a boost.

However, midfielder
Curtis Jones, who missed
Saturday's win over
Ipswich with a groin
problem, and striker Diogo
Jota, who has been out for a fortnight with a muscle injury, have yet to rejoin the squad.

- 1. Which American woman claimed her first grand slam singles title by winning the 2025 Australian Open?
- 2. What country hosts a DP World Tour golf tournament at Leopard Creek Country Club?
- 3. Which EFL Championship club plays at Home Park?
- 4. Which iconic London venue hosted archery at the 2012 Olympic
- 5. England bowler Lauren Filer plays for which women's team in The Hundred?
- 6. What was the shared surname of England's 1966 World Cup-winning left-back and Scotland's 1982 and 1989 world darts champion?
- 7. In which Canadian city do NBA side the Raptors play?
- 8. Who was the manager of Scotland at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico?
- 9. In which sport did Great Britain's Ellie Aldridge win gold at the 2024 Paris Olympics?
- 10. Who is the top points scorer in the history of the men's Six Nations Championship?
- 11. Who did Kansas City Chiefs beat in the AFC Championship game to reach Super Bowl LIX?
- 12. In what year was Arsenal defender Myles Lewis-Skelly born?
- 13. How many grand slam events has new Australian Open champion Madison Keys played in?
- 14. Which WSL team does goalkeeper Kinga Szemik play for?
- 15. Who won the Farmers Insurance golf tournament at the weekend?
- 16. Who is the top scorer in this season's William Hill Premiership?
- 17. In which city is the German Masters snooker being held?
- 18. South Korean An Se-young is the world champion in which racket sport?
- 19. Who will captain England at the forthcoming Six Nations?
- 20. In which city are NBA team Golden State Warriors based?

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ALL ABOUT THE REFS

MICHAEL Oliver will not referee the Premier League match between Arsenal and **Manchester City on Sunday** after being at the centre of controversial incident involving the Gunners last weekend.

Oliver is regarded as one of the world's top officials but has faced threats and abuse since his decision to send off Arsenal's Myles Lewis-Skelly in a match at Wolves last Saturday.

Wolves last Saturday.

The 39-year-old's home is reportedly under police guard following threats towards him and his family, which have been condemned by his employer Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL).

Oliver will instead officiate the

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By JOHN ANTHONY

Ipswich v Southampton match this

Saturday.

Before that, he will be in charge for the Champions League match between Barcelona and Atalanta on

Wednesday night.
Oliver sent Lewis-Skelly off for a tackle on Wolves' Matt Doherty. His decision was reviewed and upheld by VAR Darren England, who this weekend will referee the match between Bournemouth and between

Liverpool. Former referee Dermot Gallagher said referee abuse was damaging the

pipeline of future officials.

"If I was 21 again (and starting out in refereeing) my dad would say, 'you are not going to do that," Gallagher aid

"If that happens to Michael Oliver, who's one of the best referees in the world, I am not letting you do that.

It won't happen. What you're doing, you're not actually having to go at Michael Oliver... you're stopping the lifeblood coming through behind

Former Manchester City defender Micah Richards described the decision as the worst he had seen.

Record

"I don't like using the word 'disgrace' because it's easy to throw that word out, but if you look at the magnitude of that decision, it was so magnitude of that decision, it was so poor and then for them to double down on the decision, I just think it's shocking," Richards said.

Gary Lineker described it as "baffling", adding: "I hope they turn it over for the youngster because he doesn't deserve a red on his record."

Alan Shearer added: "There was not one bit of that challenge that meets the criteria for a red card."

Referees' Association chairman

Paul Field said in his view, former player pundits were the biggest contributors to the social media "pile-ons" affecting his organisation's members.

"These pundits, ex-professionals, who pile on one the source of the

who pile on are the source of the problem. I think the broadcasters have a duty of care to people," he said

"Ofcom ought to be writing to some

"Ofcom ought to be writing to some of these media companies and radio companies, just to remind them of their own obligations."

In more refereeing news, David Coote "deserves" to have a continued role in English football, the chairman of the Referees' Association has said.

Coote's contract as an elite-level referee with Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL) was terminated last month.

That came after a video emerged showing him making derogatory comments about Liverpool FC and

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their former manager Jurgen Klopp.

A separate video also showed Coote taking cocaine. In an interview with a newspaper,

In an interview with a newspaper, Coote came out as gay and said his struggle to hide his sexuality had contributed to him making bad choices, such as the video about Liverpool, and his use of drugs.

Coote remains one of the most highly regarded VARs in Europe, and is keen when the time is right to have a role related to officiating, if not an on-field one.

Effort

Paul Field, the chairman of the RA which looks after the welfare of referees at all levels, has already seen the work Coote has done with young officials and hopes experience is not lost to the English game.
"He deserves to have a role. The

work he does with young people is exemplary," Field said. "He's an unbelievable tutor. He puts so much time and effort into the up-and-coming grassroots officials. He has a magnificent role to offer in terms of coaching, mentoring and support.

'I'd love for him to stay in the UK. I'd love for him to stay in the UK. I'd love him to be part of the English FA, training, mentoring, out of the public light to look after himself. He has so much to offer.

"I don't think he knows how much

respect he has from other referees for the work he has done." Sources close to Coote say he is keeping an open mind about what he may look to do next now his

reffing days are over.

He is understood to remain confidentthat a Football Association investigation into messages exchanged with a Leeds fan concerning showing a yellow card to one of their players in 2019 will clear him.

Coote also spoke about the mental strain created by the abuse he faced, which included death threats

faced, which included death threats aimed at him and his mother. Field said he could understand why Coote had not gone public about his sexuality while he was refereeing, adding: "Whatever angle supporters can have a go at, they'll have a go at.
"The referee abuse we have is

they'll have a go at.

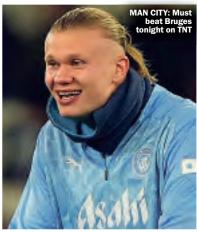
"The referee abuse we have is horrendous and any excuse for any of these morons to have a go at us, they will use that excuse."

Meanwhile, Arsenal are appealing against the controversial red card for Lewis-Skelly that kicked off the whole shore views.

or Lewis-Skeily that Ricked off the whole shenanigans.

He trained with his Arsenal team-mates at the club's London Colney base on Tuesday prior to their final Champions League group fixture against Girona.





WEDNESDAY

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 TENNIS: ATP Montpellier and WTA Linz Sky Sports Main Event 1330.

 GOLF: PGA Tour, AT&T Pebble Beach Pre-Am Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports Sedi 2000. P World Ion: Bahrain Championship Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports Golf 0830.

 DARTS: The Masters ITV4 1700.

 SWOOKER: Berman Masters Eurosport 1 1400 & 1700.

 BAKCETBALL H&B, Cleveland Cavaliers v Atlanta Hawks TNT Sports 2 0000 (FT). Memphis
- Sports 2 0000 (Fri). Memphis Grizzlies v Houston Rockets – TNT Sports 2 0230 (Fri). CYCLING: AlUla Tour — Eurosport 2

1130; Challenge Mallorca – Eurosport 2 1330.

SOCCER: Championship: Blackburn v Preston — Sky Sports Main Event 1930; Champions League draw — TNT Sports 2 1100; Europa League draw — TNT Sports 2 1200.

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 LILIZ SKy Sports Main Event 1330.
 GOLF-PGA Tour, AT&T Pebble Beach
 TOP-Am Sky Sports Main Event &
 Sky Sports 60ft 1645; DP World Tour,
 Bahrain Championship Sky Sports
 Golf 0830 & Sky Sports Main Event
 0930.
- 0930.

 DARTS: The Masters ITV4 1900.

 SNOOKER: German Masters Eurosport 1 1400 & 1900.

 BASKETBALL: NBA, Phihadelphia 76ers v Denver Nuggets INT Sports 1 0030 (Sad).

 CYCLING: AUUIa Tour Eurosport 2 1130; Challenge Mallorca Eurosport 2 1330.

SATURDAY

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 SOCCER- Premier League.

 Nottingham Forest v Brighton TNT
 Sports 1 1100. Wolves v Aston Villa
 Sky Sports Main Event & Sky
 Premier League 1700.

 Championship, Pymouth v West
 Brom Sky Sports Main Event 1100.

 RUGBY UNION- Six Nations, Scotta
 Lay BBC One 1315. Ireland v
 England ITV 1600.

 CRICKER: Women's Ashes Test,
 Australia v England TNT Sports 1
 0300.

- 0300. GOLF: PGA Tour, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am — Sky Sports Golf 1630 & Sky Sports Main Event 2300: DP World Tour, Bahrain Championship — Sky Sports Golf & Sky Sports Main Event 0900.
- DARTS: The Masters ITV4 1245 &
- 1900. SNOOKER: German Masters Eurosport 1 1305 & 1900.
- Eurosport 1 1305 & 1790.

 BASKETBALL: NBA, Utah v Orlando Magic TNT Sports 1 2200.

 BOXING: Adam Azim v Sergey Lipinets Sky Sports Main Event 2000.

 CYCLING: AUUA Tour Eurosport 2
- 1145. HORSE RACING: Sandown ITV & STV 1300.

SUNDAY

SUNCER: Premier League, Brentford v Tottenham — Sky Sports Premier League 1300 & Sky Sports Main Event 1400, Assenal v Manchester City — Sky Sports Main Event & Sky Sports Forball 1600. WSL Manchester City v Arsenal — Sky Sports Main Event 1130. Aston Villa v Chelsea — BBC Two 1415. Tottenham v Manchester United — Sky Sports Premier League 1730. Serie A. Roma v Napoli — 1NT Sports 11930. 1 1930

- 1 1930. CRICKET: T20 International, India v England TNT Sports 1 1300; Women's Ashes Test, Australia v
- England TNT Sports 1 0300. GOLF: PGA Tour, AT&T Pebble Beach BULL: POA IOUT, AI&T PEDDIE BEACH
 Pro-Am – Sky Sports Golf 1600 &
 Sky Sports Main Event 1930; DP
 World Tour, Bahrain Championship
 Sky Sports Golf 0830 & Sky Sports
 Main Event 0930.
 RUGBY UNION: Premiership Rugby
 Cup, Bath v Bedford – TNT Sports 2
 1445.
- 1445. SNOOKER: German Masters Eurosport 1 1330 & 1900. BASKETBALL: NBA, Cleveland Cavaliers v Dallas Mavericks TNT Sports 2 2030, Philadelphia 76ers v Boston Celtics — TNT Sports 2 2300.



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